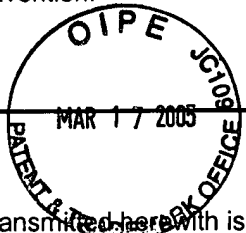

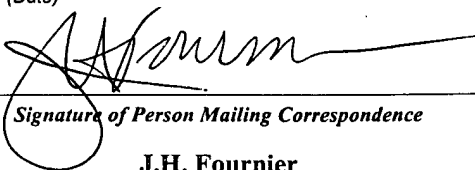


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<b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity)</b>				<b>Docket No.</b> 19357-094392	
<b>Applicant(s): Diaconu</b>					
<b>Application No.</b> 10/623,985	<b>Filing Date</b> 07/21/2003	<b>Examiner</b> Saether	<b>Customer No.</b> 28886	<b>Group Art Unit</b> 3677	<b>Confirmation No.</b> 5507
<b>Invention: BOLT AND METHOD OF RETAINING A BOLT TO AN ENGINE COMPONENT</b>					
 <b>COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</b>					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
<b>CLAIMS AS AMENDED</b>					
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<b>TOTAL CLAIMS</b>	12 -	20 =	0	x \$50.00	\$0.00
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<b>Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable)</b> <input type="checkbox"/>					\$0.00
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT</b>					\$0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No additional fee is required for amendment. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of _____ <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of _____ to cover the filing fee is enclosed. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-1759 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17. <input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038. <b>WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.</b>					
 Signature			<b>Dated: March 14, 2005</b>		
<b>Robin W. Asher</b> <b>Clark Hill PLC</b> <b>500 Woodward Avenue, Suite 3500</b> <b>Detroit, MI 48226-3435</b>			<div>I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to "Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450" [37 CFR 1.8(a)] on 03/14/2005 (Date)  Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence <b>J.H. Fournier</b> Typed or Printed Name of Person Mailing Correspondence</div>		
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Confirmation No. 5507

Examiner: Saether, Flemming

Applicant(s): Diaconu, Liviu

Serial No.: 10/623,985

Filing Date: July 21, 2003

Title: Bolt and Method of Retaining a Bolt to an Engine Component

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**ELECTION**

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated February 15, 2005. Claims 1-7 and 11-16 are subject to a restriction and/or election requirement.

The Examiner contends that the claims require a restriction/election to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. 121:

Group I, claims 1-7, 11 and 13-16, drawn to a bolt assembly, classified in class 411, subclass 107; and

Group II, claim 12, drawn to a method of retaining a bolt, classified in class 29.

The Examiner states the inventions are distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) that the process as claimed can be used to make other and materially different

product, or (2) that the product as claimed can be made by another and materially different process. The Examiner contends that in the instant case, the product could be made without having to be rotatably driven through the bore.

In response, Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, to continue prosecution for the group the Examiner has identified as Group I, claims 1-7, 11 and 13-16 drawn to a bolt assembly.

It is respectfully submitted that this patent application is in condition for allowance, which allowance is respectfully solicited. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this election or patent application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment of the above fees associated with this Communication to Deposit Account No. 50-1759. A duplicate copy of this form is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robin W. Asher', written over a horizontal line.

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